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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF GLOBAL CROSSING TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 15-15
Comp. Pol. File No. 1199

Comments Due: February 19, 2015

Section 214 Application

Applicant: Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.

On **December 19, 2014, Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc.** (Global Crossing or Applicant), located at **1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021**, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue the provision of certain domestic telecommunications services throughout each of the United States and the District of Columbia (collectively, Service Areas).¹ With an amendment filed on January 30, 2015, Global Crossing corrected certain deficiencies in its initial application and updated the record regarding notice to customers and the scope of its proposed discontinuance.² Accordingly, Global Crossing's application is deemed complete as of January 30, 2015.

Global Crossing indicates that it currently offers certain domestic toll-free and residential long-distance calling services and features in the Service Areas including Call Home America, Simple Connect, MultiPoint, Network Transfer, and Residential Long Distance (Affected Services). Global Crossing describes Call Home America as a service that provides customers with a toll-free number and personal identification number (PIN) that enable toll-free calls to be made to their domestic telephone numbers. Simple Connect service is described by Global Crossing as a service that provides customers with a shared, toll-free number and PINS that may be pre-programmed for termination to any domestic

¹ See Letter from Connie Wightman, Consultant to Global Crossing, Technologies Management Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 15-15, Attach. (filed Dec. 19, 2014). This application was subsequently received in the Competition Policy Division on January 7, 2015. Global Crossing indicates that it also has filed notice of the proposed discontinuance with the International Bureau. Discontinuance of international service is governed by section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

² See Letter from Connie Wightman, Consultant to Global Crossing, Technologies Management Inc., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 15-15 (filed Jan. 30, 2015) (Global Crossing Amendment). Global Crossing explains that the services subject to this proposed discontinuance have not been offered in off-shore United States Territories such as Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Global Crossing Amendment at 1.

phone number. Global Crossing also explains that its Multipoint service provides customers with a unique toll-free number and PINS that may be pre-programmed for termination to any domestic phone number. Global Crossing adds that with each of these toll-free services the customer, not the caller, is then billed for the calls. According to Global Crossing, its Network Transfer is a toll-free calling feature that enables customers that operate call centers to re-direct calls to other locations. In addition, Global Crossing indicates that its Residential Long Distance is a service that enables residential customers to make 1+ long-distance calls. Global Crossing states, however, that it now plans to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or around March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained.

The Applicant submits that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuance because advance notice has been provided to all affected customers giving them ample time to arrange for substitute services. According to Global Crossing, substitute services are readily available and include, but are not limited to, calling card services, mobile services, VoIP services, toll free services, and direct dial services offered by a variety of carriers and other service providers. Global Crossing indicates that it mailed notice of the proposed discontinuance to affected customers, in accordance with the requirements of section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, on December 18, 2014. Global Crossing asserts that it is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, Global Crossing's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies Global Crossing that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application and customer notice, Global Crossing indicates that it plans to discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or around March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as any necessary regulatory approvals are obtained. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of Global Crossing's application and notice, absent further Commission action, Global Crossing may discontinue the Affected Services in the Service Areas on or after **March 7, 2015**, in accordance with its filed representations. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **February 19, 2015**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 15-15 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1199**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol

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Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

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For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, or Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*